

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2013

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1244 (First Edition)
SHORT TITLE: Wilson County Occupancy Tax Increase.
SPONSOR(S): Representatives S. Martin and Farmer-Butterfield

FISCAL IMPACT					
(\$ in millions)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Local Impact					
Revenues:	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Expenditures:					
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.6
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Wilson County					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 1244 amends SL 1987-484, concerning the Wilson County occupancy tax, adding a new subsection that authorizes the Wilson County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional room occupancy tax of up to 3.0%. It provides that this tax cannot be levied unless the base occupancy tax of 3.0% is also levied.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Wilson County can currently levy a 3.0% room occupancy tax. From fiscal year 2008-09 through fiscal year 2010-11, Wilson County averaged \$417,778 in occupancy tax collections at the 3.0% rate. Growing by the leisure and hospitality portion of North Carolina’s Gross State Product, the increase in fiscal year 2014-15 revenue, due to the implementation of the full 6.0% occupancy tax rate, would be \$492,706. That amount is then grown using the Moody’s Analytics’ forecast, resulting in additional revenue of \$573,502 by fiscal year 2018-19.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Department of Revenue, Moody's Analytics

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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